Financial assistance to Export units affected by Tsunami

*318. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has completed survey of Tsunami affected export facilities in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the damage done to marine product processing factories by the Tsunami;

(c) whether MPEDA has made any suggestions to give financial assistance to such export units;

(d) if so, the details of such recommendations;

(e) whether adequate care is also being taken to ensure that fraudulent claims are not entertained; and

(f) the steps proposed to ensure that only genuine sufferers get help?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) As per information collected by the field officers of MPEDA, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the concerned State Governments, the approximate damage reported in the Tsunami affected areas is: traditional and mechanized boats lost or damaged (68,000); fishing nets (2,02,000); aqua farms damaged (5,700 hectares); and hatcheries (57). The estimated loss suffered by shrimp farms and hatchery units is Rs. 16.42 crore and Rs. 3.01 crore respectively. Besides, damage has been reported to the marine products processing facilities also.

(c) and (d) MPEDA has various schemes to extend financial assistance to the processing units.

(e) and (f) Adequate care is taken by MPEDA to extend financial assistance after due verification of the units etc. to ensure that only genuine applicants get such assistance.

Tsunami affected familes

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the calculation of the total number of families affected by Tsunami has been completed by Government;

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(b) if so, the total number of such families, State-wise, separately;

(c) the number of such families out of them whose houses have been destroyed and needs rehabilitation; and

(d) by when the houses have been targeted to be provided to all such families by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A population of 27.92 lakh was affected in one way or the other and about 1,80,600 houses were fully damaged in the Tsunami disaster. The State-wise details are as under:—

State/UT	Population affected (in lakh)	No. of House damaged
Andhra Pradesh	1.96	481 say 500
Kerala	13.00	10,000
Tamil Nadu	8.96	1,50,000
A&N Island	3.56	10,100
Pondicherry	0.44	10,000
TOTAL	**27.92**	**1,80,600**

(d) The Government of India has approved a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crore named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas" which *inter-alia* provides assistance for intermediate temporary houses to be constructed by States/UTs before the onset of the monsoon and the assistance for multi-hazard proof pucca houses thereafter.

The assistance for pucca houses will be used for supporting the housing component of rehabilitation plans being prepared for the affected areas with assistance of the Core Group established in the Planning Commission and in consultation with relevant Ministries and State Governments. Further assistance in subsequent phases would be released for supporting these plans.

In case of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 10,100 intermediate shelters are being constructed with the support of Ministry of Home Affairs and the target is to complete their construction before the onset of monsoon. The Ministry of Uraban Development has been entrusted with the task of constructing Pucca Houses in the Islands and the assistance for this is not included in the aforesaid package.